HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Ubelhor

A RESOLUTION recognizing the contributions made by the Indiana Railway Museum in preserving the history of our Hoosier railways and promoting tourism in Southern Indiana on the occasion of its 50th anniversary celebration.

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum is a nonprofit organization founded in 1961 for the purpose of acquiring, restoring, displaying, and operating historic railway equipment;

Whereas, Several diesel and steam locomotives, a rare railway post office car, and a 1951 dining car are included in the Indiana Railway Museum's display of railroad equipment;

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Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum has a membership of over 300, with volunteers who serve as train and station crews:

Whereas, Since moving to its present location in French Lick in 1977, the Indiana Railway Museum has taken over 828,000 passengers on its historic railway tours;

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum's 1 3/4-hour train trip meanders through 20 miles of the Hoosier National Forest, limestone rock cuts, and the 2,200-foot Burton Tunnel, one of the longest railroad tunnels in Indiana;

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum depot in French Lick, from where all the passenger trains depart, is the original limestone Monon railroad station built in 1907; and

Whereas, The train ride provided by the Indiana Railway Museum takes our minds back to a time when travel was slower, more scenic, and often friendlier and a time best not forgotten: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives thanks the members of the Indiana Railway Museum for their efforts in promoting tourism in Southern Indiana and for helping to maintain interest in our historic Hoosier railway system.

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to G. Alan Barnett, President and General Manager of the Indiana Railway Museum.

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